

East Palestine Village Council November 24, 2014 85 N. Market St. 7pm

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Atty. Beagle and Mr. Figley were absent. Also present were Manager Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the November 10th meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer, seconded by Mr. Cohen. There were no department reports, agenda items or Clerks report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch reminded the residents to try to shop locally for Christmas this year, and that the Village has a lot of shops with very unique gifts that you can't find at the big box stores.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated he had given a written report. At this point he asked Fire Chief Brown to go over the proposed changes to the EMS fees. Chief Brown stated the proposed changes are for fees that are billed to the insurance companies and would not affect what the residents have to pay. Chief Brown said the current prices haven't been updated since 2008 and because of that the department is missing out on some revenue and by bringing them up to the regional average he's hoping for around a 10% increase in revenue. Chief Brown stated that they take whatever the insurance pays and do not bill the residents for the difference. Monteleone stated a lot of the services were already being provided but not billed for because there wasn't a fee associated with it but with these updates they can bill for them. Mr. Cohen asked the difference between the \$750 "Advance Life Support" fee and the \$900 "Advance Life Support (lights & sirens to hospital)". Chief Brown stated the \$750 Advance Life Support would be for example if you called 911 (emergency transport), the \$900 fee would be for a life or death situation with emergency transport to the hospital with lights and sirens. Mr. Cohen asked if it would then be the \$900 fee instead of the \$750 and Chief Brown said yes. Mr. Elzer said a lot of the fees are add on's and Chief Brown said yes. Mrs. Wisser asked why the non transport fee is higher than the regional average and Chief Brown said that fee was established in 2008 and he didn't want to go backwards. Mr. Elzer asked about the oil & gas leasing and Atty. Powers stated the company that was here has only honored one of the signed leases and have supposedly left to go back to Texas. He feels that is related to gas and oil prices right now and he just heard on the radio that oil will go into the \$60 a barrel range, he's been told it costs around \$60 a barrel to get it out of the ground. Atty. Powers stated he is exploring some options with local businessmen but he doesn't want to get into the details yet.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers they have the first hearing coming up on some of the property issues and they will continue to work on that, and he said that former Law Director Brad Allison is in the running for the municipal court judge.

STREET: Mr. Figley was absent.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: NO REPORT

DEVELOPEMNT: Mr. Elzer stated that with the holidays coming up the local shops could use everyone's support and also reminded everyone that the Turkey Trot is coming up on Thanksgiving.

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser asked about the walking trail and Manager Monteleone said there is no new information right now

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to ORC section 121.22 for discussion on possible future litigation, inviting Manager Monteleone and Law Director Dave Powers, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Mayor Zuch said there would be additional business conducted after executive session.

VISITORS: Dianna Elzer, Chuck McGuire, John & Dot Herbert, Jerry Coblentz, Chief Brown, Dawn Carsey, Chief Dickey, Rick & Karen Gorby, Zach Gorby, John Davis, Mary Beth DiCello, and Katie White. **THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION.**

LEGISLATION: Mayor Zuch introduced Ord. 16-2014 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the appropriation for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of East Palestine, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and adopting estimated resources.** Mayor Zuch introduced Ord. 17-2014 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting updated fees for emergency medical services provided by the Village.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

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